

- b) **Negligent Manslaughter** is defined as *the killing of another person through gross negligence*. **Count one offense per victim.**

Classify as Negligent Manslaughter:

Any death caused by the gross negligence of another. **Gross negligence** is *the intentional failure to perform a manifest duty in reckless disregard of the consequences as affecting the life or property of another*. In other words, it's something that a reasonable and prudent person would not do.

Do not classify as Negligent Manslaughter:

- Deaths of persons due to their own negligence.
- Accidental deaths not resulting from gross negligence.
- Traffic fatalities.

Remember that the findings of a court, coroner's inquest, etc., do not affect classifying or counting criminal incidents.

Example of Negligent Manslaughter

Scenario: Two students are handling a gun at an on-campus fraternity house owned by the institution, and one “jokingly” points the gun at the other. Jim fires the gun, and Mike is killed. Jim claims no knowledge of the gun being loaded. Classify this as one Negligent Manslaughter in the on-campus category and one Negligent Manslaughter in the on-campus student housing facility category.